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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE TO THE GOG ON CANDIDATE FOR UN COMMITTEE  
AGAINST TORTURE

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1. DCM and Polcouns met with Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs Gabriel Aguilera and MFA Director of Multilateral Affairs Carla Rodriguez on October 15 to request GOG support for the candidacy of Ms. Felice Gaer for re-election to the UN Committee Against Torture. The DCM provided the MFA with a diplomatic note officially requesting GOG support, as well as a copy of Ms. Gaer's CV. Vice Minister Aguilera noted that Ms. Gaer is imminently qualified, said that the GOG would give full consideration to Ms. Gaer's candidacy and promised to inform us once the GOG reached a decision on which candidacies it would support.

2. Senior MFA officer Rodriguez noted that Guatemala had voted for Ms. Gaer when she was first elected, and said that the GOG has always had a good working relationship with Ms. Gaer.  
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